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The Parliament has no carryovers of appropriations from the 1978 to the 1979 financial year which require the approval of the Budgetary Authority.

B. SECTION II: COUNCIL

The Council has no carryovers of appropriations from the 1978 to the 1979 financial year which require the approval of the Budgetary Authority.

G. SECTION III: COMMISSION

C.1 Reasons

C.1.1 Chapter 37: Expenditure in the industrial and transport sectors

Article 375: Community reorganization and redevelopment operations in connection with crises in certain industrial sectors

Item 3751: Investment premiums

Sum to be carried forward: 15 million EUA

When the Budget for the financial year 1978 was established, the Budgetary Authority created a new Article 375, Community reorganization and redevelopment operations in connection with crises in certain industrial sectors, and thereby acknowledged the need for Community contributions to the reorganization and redevelopment operations connected with the big structural changes which certain industries are having to make.

The new Article was subdivided into two Items: the first (Item 3750, Loan interest rebates) was allocated a non-differentiated appropriation of 5 m EUA in commitments and 2 m EUA in payments, whilst the second (Item 3751, Investment premiums) was allocated a non-differentiated appropriation of 15 m EUA.

The Commission has already drafted a regulation on Community aid for industrial restructuring and conversion (COM(78)532 of 26 October 1978), which was sent to the Council on 31 October 1978. The Council had not adopted the regulation by 31 December 1978 and the Commission was therefore not able to implement the appropriation before the end of the 1978 financial year.

As the appropriation entered under Item 3750 of the 1978 Budget was a differentiated appropriation, it remains available for the 1979 financial year. A differentiated appropriation of 20 m EUA in commitments and 10 m EUA in payments was entered in Chapter 100 of the 1979 Budget and reserved jointly for:

- measures on behalf of certain industrial sectors in crisis (Item 3750);
- the (social) consequences of industrial conversion (Article 512).

If the Community is to be able to make a significant and direct contribution to the restructuring and conversion process, the appropriations available for the 1979 financial year must be topped up.

The Commission therefore requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the carryover to the 1979 financial year of the non-differentiated appropriation of 15 m EUA entered in Item 3751 of the Budget for the 1978 financial year.

C.1.2 Chapter 39: Other expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Article 390: Research projects in the field of technology and industry

Sum to be carried forward: 2 million ECU

On 30 June 1977, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal for Community measures to promote the innovative capacity of undertakings, particularly small and medium-sized ones, within a framework of Community cooperation.

In view of this proposal, the Council requested the Commission to make a further study of the subject in the light of experience gained in administering indirect action and ECSC measures and in the hydrocarbons sector.

An appropriation of 2 m ECU was entered in Chapter 100 of the Budget for the 1978 financial year (point 18 of the remarks) and reserved for Community measures under the relevant budget heading in Article 390. It was not possible to implement these during the 1978 financial year. As a precautionary measure the Commission therefore applied for the transfer of this appropriation of 2 m ECU from Chapter 100 to Article 390, and this was approved by the Budgetary Authority.

The appropriation could be used in 1979 to implement a Community policy of industrial innovation, including action to promote innovative projects by undertakings, particularly small and medium-sized ones.

The Commission therefore requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the carryover to the 1979 financial year of the non-differentiated appropriation of 2 m ECU entered under Article 390 of the Budget for the 1978 financial year.

C.1.3 Chapter 47: Assumption by the European Community of certain financial obligations

Article 470: Refunds arising out of certain financial obligations in respect of fishing in the Adriatic

Sum to be carried forward: 430 000 EUA

On 15 June 1973 Italy and Yugoslavia concluded a bilateral agreement whereby Italian fishermen have the right to fish in the Yugoslav sector of the Adriatic in return for a certain sum paid to Yugoslavia.

In a Resolution of 3 November 1976, the Council recognized that it was necessary to maintain the acquired rights of Community fishermen in the waters of non-member countries by means of appropriate Community agreements. On the same occasion the Council took a decision authorizing the extension to 31 December 1977 of the existing bilateral agreement between Italy and Yugoslavia, pending conclusion of a fishing agreement between the latter and the Community.

As no such agreement had been negotiated, the Council decided on two successive occasions to authorize extension of the bilateral agreement for further periods of six months - up to 30 June 1978 and up to 31 December 1978 respectively. Under the terms of these authorizations, the sums due for the fishing rights are advanced by Italy and later refunded by the Community (after deduction of the proportion - approximately 20% - for which the shipowners are liable).

Headings for this item of expenditure were opened in the Second Supplementary and Amending Budget for 1978: Chapter 47 (Assumption by the European Community of certain financial obligations) and Article 470 (Refunds arising out of certain financial obligations in respect of fishing in the Adriatic), which was allocated an appropriation of 215 000 EUA to cover outgoings for the six-month period ending 30 June 1978.

By means of a transfer approved by the Council on 25 October 1978, this appropriation was topped up by a further 215 000 EUA to cover outgoings for the six-month period ending 31 December 1978. The total appropriation available is therefore 430 000 EUA.

Under the current agreement Italy has paid Lit 570 million in each of the 1976 and 1977 financial years. This sum was agreed between Italy and Yugoslavia to cover the admission of 100 trawlers to Yugoslav waters. This works out at approximately Lit 71 250 per tonne. By the terms of the Council Decisions, the arrangement between Italy and Yugoslavia is extended subject to the same conditions. The sum due for 1978 is Lit 570 million, or approximately 430 000 EUA, after deduction of the percentage for which the shipowners are liable.

However, at accounting level it was not possible to make the relevant commitments by 31 December 1978. For internal administrative reasons Italy has not yet been able to pay out the sums due for 1978 under the agreement with Yugoslavia and has therefore not yet formally applied for a Community refund.

An appropriation of 600 000 EUA was entered in Chapter 100 of the 1979 Budget for transfer, if necessary, to the relevant Article (Article 890, Reimbursements in respect of certain financial obligations relating to fishing in the Adriatic). Nevertheless, it will not be possible to use this appropriation to cover expenditure for 1978 because:

- the bilateral agreement has been extended to 30 June 1979 by the Council Decision of 19 December 1978; and
- an agreement between the Community and Yugoslavia, involving higher sums than previously, is planned.

The carryover of the appropriation of 430 000 EUA not used in 1978 is therefore requested.

C.1.4 Chapter 62: Milk and milk products

Article 624: Other measures in the milk and milk products sector

Item 6240: Financial contribution by the Guarantee Section to premiums for the non-marketing of milk and premiums for conversion

Sum to be carried forward: 30 430 739.03 EUA

During discussions on the Letter of Amendment to the Preliminary Draft General Budget for 1979, and following a Commission proposal on the subject, the Council added the following to the remarks on Item 6240 (Financial contribution by the Guarantee Section to premiums for the non-marketing of milk and premiums for conversion):

"The overall appropriation necessary for 1979 is estimated at 187.9 m EUA. It is expected that these requirements will be covered, on the one hand, by the non-automatic carryover - which the Commission will propose in due course - of the appropriation for this Item at the end of the financial year 1978 and, on the other hand, by the appropriation of 81.8 m EUA entered in this Budget."

Using the carryover technique for Item 6240 is justified by the fact that the premiums for non-marketing of milk and the conversion of dairy herds result in the entry of appropriations in the Budget, 60% of which are for the EAGGF Guarantee Section (Item 6240) and 40% for the EAGGF Guidance Section (Item 8360); as the Guidance Section has non-differentiated appropriations, the appropriation for commitment not used by 31 December 1978 in Item 8360 automatically remains available in 1979, but the same does not apply to Item 6240. To ensure consistency between the Guidance and Guarantee Sections of the EAGGF, a non-automatic carryover should therefore be proposed.

In view of the appropriations still available in Item 6240 after all charges as payments have been made, it is possible to propose the carryover of 30 430 739.03 EUA.

The Commission therefore requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the carryover to the 1979 financial year of the appropriation of 30 430 739.03 EUA entered under Item 6240 of the Budget for the 1978 financial year.

C.1.6 Chapter 80: Projects for the improvement of agricultural structures provided for under Article 13 of Regulation No 17/64/EEC

Sum to be carried forward: 122 221 055.29 EUA

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 108(3)(b) of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977, the Commission requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the carryover of certain appropriations relating to aid to individual projects during the period 1966 to 1972. These are carryovers beyond the five-year period in accordance with the applicable provisions.

In the case of some of these projects, it was not possible to settle up by 31 December 1978 all the commitments entered into between 1966 and 1972 because:

- (a) a proportion of the aid has not yet been paid;
- (b) the sums finally paid out in aid are lower than the sums granted;
- (c) the beneficiary has abandoned the project and therefore does not qualify for the aid granted.

Where (b) and (c) are concerned, the Commission is applying Council Regulation (EEC) No 3171/75 of 3 December 1975, which permits re-use of the relevant appropriations for the financing of other projects, subject to the provisions of the Regulation.

Table C3 gives a breakdown of the use of the appropriations carried over from the financial years concerned.

2. The total carryover involved in this application is 122 221 055.29 EUA, broken down as follows:
 - 84 271 307.68 EUA for aid not yet paid out (the breakdown by country and year is given in Table C4);
 - 21 390 974.41 EUA representing sums released (see (b) and (c) above) which have since been recommitted in accordance with Regulation No 3171/75;
 - 16 558 773.20 EUA for re-utilization arising out of examples of (b) and (c) above which have not yet been recommitted.
3. The sum for projects in respect of which part of the aid is still outstanding covers a total of 395 projects. Where these projects are concerned, it should be stressed that, according to the information supplied by the Member States, the projects have been completed (167) or are on the way to completion (228) (the breakdown by year and country is given in Table C5).

The Commission has recently received requests for final payment in respect of a number of completed projects. However, it was not possible to make the payments by 31 December 1978 because:

- the application arrived late;
- further information is needed.

4. According to the information forwarded by the Member States, the reasons for delays in completing work may be summarized as follows:

(a) The type of project:

Most of the projects involve the reorganization of existing structures (olive growing, vineyards, reafforestation, re-parcelling, etc.) over large areas and affecting numerous small holdings, and they can only be worked on at certain times of the year. In Italy in particular climatic conditions play an important part in hill-farming areas. This means that projects have to be spread out over a fairly long period.

(b) The type of beneficiary:

In Italy in particular, but also in France, some of the beneficiaries are public bodies which face considerable difficulties, because they are:

- subject to cumbersome administrative procedures;
- more directly affected by unpredictable changes of internal policies;
- generally faced with serious financial problems.

(c) The effect of inflation

Projects which were late in starting up for administrative or bureaucratic reasons have also suffered from the effect of the inflation spiral. This has meant further financial problems for the beneficiaries, which have been forced to seek additional funds, which is difficult in a period of inflation. In turn, the undertakings have found it impossible to continue with the project. Some have gone bankrupt. The delay has often resulted in changes to the original project, with technical adjustments. Thus, although this might seem paradoxical at first, the effects of inflation have held projects back and, consequently, caused delays in using the Community contribution.

5. The Commission is aware of these problems which justify the requested carryover.

Nevertheless, it is carefully monitoring each project and applying the necessary pressure to speed up completion.

C.1.5 Chapter 96: Cooperation with non-member countries

Article 960: Financial cooperation with Portugal

Item 9601: Financial cooperation with Portugal (Financial Protocol)

Sum to be carried forward: 6 000 000 EUA

The Financial Protocol between the EEC and Portugal was signed on 20 September 1976 but did not come into force until 1 November 1978.

For a period of five years from entering into force, the Protocol provides for aid of:

- 200 million EUA in the form of EIB loans out of its own resources;
- 30 million EUA, chargeable to the Community Budget, for interest rate rebates on the EIB loans.

As the sum of 30 million EUA chargeable to the Budget is to be spread over a five-year period, an appropriation of 6 million EUA was entered in the Budget for the 1978 financial year; but, since the Protocol did not come into force until 1 November 1978, no implementing measures were effected before the end of the financial year, and the appropriation is therefore due for cancellation. As the operation involves actualized sums to be transferred to the EIB in one lump sum for each loan granted, the differentiation of appropriations was not justified for this Item. (For the other Protocols, on the other hand, it was necessary to differentiate the appropriations, as payments will be made as and when the investment - financed by non-repayable loans or special loans - is actually made.)

Nevertheless, in view of Portugal's present position, the EIB has examined almost all the applications for loans made by that country and involving the total sum entered in the Protocol (200 million EUA). The 6 million EUA appropriation entered in the 1979 Budget under Item 9601 will therefore have to be topped up by the 6 million EUA from 1978.

The Commission therefore requests the Budgetary Authority to approve the non-automatic carryover to the 1979 financial year of the non-differentiated appropriation of 6 million EUA entered under Item 9601 of the Budget for 1978.

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PATTERN OF UTILIZATION IN THE 1978 FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BUDGET ITEMS FOR WHICH CARRYOVERS ARE REQUESTED

Chap.	Article Item	Heading	Approps. entered in the 1978 Budget (*) Budget (1)	Transfers (2)	Approps. available (3)	Commitments made (4)	Payments made (5)	Approps. not committed col.3-col.4 (6)	Automatic carryovers col.4-col.5 (7)	non-automatic carryovers (8)	in ECU
											Approps. not utilized col.6-col.8 (9)
37		EXPENDITURE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORT SECTORS									
	375	Community reorganisation and redevelopment operations in connection with crises in certain industrial sectors									
	3751	Investment premiums	15,000,000	-	15,000,000	-	-	15,000,000	-	15,000,000	-
39		OTHER EXPENDITURE ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE INSTITUTION									
	390	Research projects in the field of technology and industry	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	-
47		ASSUMPTION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS									
	470	Refunds arising out of certain financial obligations in respect of fishing in the Adriatic	215,000	215,000	430,000	-	-	430,000	-	430,000	-
62		MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS									
	624	Other measures in the milk and milk products sector									
	6240	Financial contribution by the Guarantee Section to premiums for the non-marketing of milk and premiums for conversion	185,900,000	74,656,473	111,243,527	80,812,788	80,812,788	30,430,739	-	30,430,739	-
96		COOPERATION WITH NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES									
	960	Financial cooperation with Portugal									
	9601	Financial cooperation with Portugal (Financial Protocol)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	-	-	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	-
		TOTAL								53,860,739	

*Including Amending and Supplementary Budgets.

Utilization of appropriations from financial years prior to 1970 carried over pursuant to Article 173 of the Constitution

	Appropriations carried over from 1969 to 1970			Utilization of 1970 (1970)			Appropriations to be carried over to 1971		
	Automatic carryovers	Non-automatic carryovers	Carryover to extent of obligations as of January 1970	Appropriations recalled	Percent used in 1970	Amount of unobligated quantities due to changes in FDR rates	Automatic carryovers	Non-automatic carryovers	Total carryovers
Appropriations for the financing of projects (Chao. 99)									
1976 (year 1975 - II - I - II)	206,035,950.26		206,035,950.26		30,730,095.11	- 1,178,253.02	175,469,209.11		175,469,209.11
(year 1976 - II - I - II reallocated to 1977)	77,436.70		77,436.70			641.31	77,436.70		77,436.70
(year 1975 - II - II)	66,915,051.79		66,915,051.79	16,375,290.54		364,132.21	50,275,613.32		50,275,613.32
(year 1975 - II - II - reallocated to 1977)	377,795.60		377,795.60			9,547.75	376,745.55		376,745.55
1975 (year 1975 - II - I)	73,059,323.53		73,059,323.53	20,669.44		116,493.27	63,015,357.55		63,015,357.55
(year 1975 - II - I - reallocated to 1977)	50,027.32		50,027.32			5,223.06	49,027.32		49,027.32
(year 1976 - II - I - reallocated to 1976)	60,057,097.20		60,057,097.20	21,493,342.09		622,253.36	56,031,215.75		56,031,215.75
(year 1976 - II - II - reallocated to 1977)	1,323,057.50		1,323,057.50						
(year 1976 - II - II - reallocated to 1978)	643,470.90		643,470.90			16,207.31	659,758.71		659,758.71
1974 (year 1974 - II - I)	50,268,052.04		50,268,254.25			9,470,593.45	30,711,554.94		30,711,554.94
(year 1974 - reallocated to 1978)	774,513.96		774,513.96						
(year 1976 - reallocated to 1977)	279,281.60		279,281.60			6,999.30	281,737.07		281,737.07
(year 1976 - reallocated to 1978)			1,342,447.70				1,342,447.70		1,342,447.70
(year 1973)	75,203,511.30		75,571,912.09	23,099.70		14,022,143.70	57,999,236.77		57,999,236.77
(year 1973 - reallocated to 1976)	809,915.06		809,915.06						
(year 1973 - reallocated to 1977)	3,241,092.03		3,241,092.03			80,499.93	3,321,131.96		3,321,131.96
(year 1973 - reallocated to 1978)			1,711,530.40				1,711,530.40		1,711,530.40
1973 (year 1972)	40,310,422.74		40,740,397.23	776,394.16		7,033,297.13	35,477,407.30		35,477,407.30
(year 1972 - reallocated to 1977)	9,104,654.02		9,104,654.02			314,703.61	8,265,914.24		8,265,914.24
(year 1972 - reallocated to 1978)			1,929,320.94				1,929,320.94		1,929,320.94
1972 (year 1971)	40,307,499.94		40,331,126.09	309.70		11,301,579.23	39,257,025.79		39,257,025.79
(year 1971 - reallocated to 1977)	5,407,705.96		5,407,705.96			2,575,075.00	2,801,751.50		2,801,751.50
(year 1971 - reallocated to 1978)			1,036,319.53				1,036,319.53		1,036,319.53
1971 (year 1970)	29,673,025.00		29,744,721.36			4,223,570.57	21,676,629.70		21,676,629.70
(year 1970 - reallocated to 1977)	4,279,377.60		4,279,377.60			2,207,444.25	2,577,515.35		2,577,515.35
(year 1972 - reallocated to 1978)			2,525,363.02				2,525,363.02		2,525,363.02
1969 (year 1969 - II - I - III - IV)	9,636,793.05		8,500,273.77			2,370,760.06	7,031,277.25		7,031,277.25
(year 1969 - II - II - III - IV reallocated to 1977)	2,034,172.70		2,034,172.70			2,273,664.76	11,045.94		11,045.94
(year 1969 - II - II - III - IV reallocated to 1978)			1,736,579.34				1,736,579.34		1,736,579.34
1969 (year 1969 - II - I)	14,501.04		17,304.73			19,076.44	56,429.10		56,429.10
(year 1969 - II - I - reallocated to 1977)	27,315.09		27,315.09			27,315.09			
(year 1969 - II - I - reallocated to 1978)			9,774.51				6,774.51		6,774.51
(year 1969 - II - I - III - IV)	1,070,530.97		1,031,751.27			354,363.03	1,456,089.46		1,456,089.46
(year 1969 - II - I - III - IV - reallocated to 1977)	603,597.30		603,597.30			603,597.30			
(year 1969 - II - I - III - IV - reallocated to 1978)			70,000.20				70,000.20		70,000.20
1968 (year 1968 - II - I)	407,507.74		344,043.75			79,003.57	261,977.36		261,977.36
(year 1968 - II - I - reallocated to 1977)			50,749.99				50,749.99		50,749.99
(year 1967 - reallocated to 1973)	639,427.57		599,427.57			19,916.05	655,074.52		655,074.52
1967 (year 1966)	542,259.70		542,259.70			210,440.33	336,761.92		336,761.92
TOTAL	679,150,135.43	50,255,310.37	729,405,445.80	230,424.90	140,453,071.34	- 1,307,773.15	444,974,705.32	722,221,255.29	577,329,171.79
Appropriations relating to the financing of common measures and special services									
1966 (year 1966)	1,600,794.00		1,600,794.00			4,655.34	1,601,499.06		1,601,499.06
1967 (year 1967)	1,604,181.20		1,604,181.20			1,723,140.54			
TOTAL	3,204,975.20	-	3,204,975.20	-	6,378.88	6,378.88	1,601,499.06	-	1,601,499.06

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Breakdown of appropriations to be carried over, by country and year

Year		GERMANY	BELGIUM	FRANCE	ITALY	LUXEMBOURG	NETHERLANDS	TOTAL
1966		—	—	—	351.412.500	—	—	
1967		—	—	—	—	—	—	
1968		—	—	3.357.713	191.192.500	—	—	
1969		—	—	5.543.631	4.341.850.000	—	—	
1970		1.103.866	69.233.300	29.305.278	12.206.566.093	—	—	
1971		10.311.963	15.838.974	47.110.022	18.467.563.914	—	—	
1972		8.129.212	68.610.955	58.850.227	16.284.309.255	5.123.022	2.393.395	
	National currencies	19.545.041	153.683.229	144.166.871	51.842.894.262	5.123.022	2.393.395	
	Conversion into EUA at 31.12.78	(2,51734)	(39,8765)	(5,78555)	(1109,39)	(39,8765)	(2,73449)	
	EUA	7.764.164,16	3.853.979,89	24.918.439,35	46.730.991,14	128.472,21	875.261,93	84.271.307,63

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Number of projects broken down by country and year

YEAR	ITALY			GERMANY			BELGIUM			LUXEMBOURG			NETHERLANDS			FRANCE			TOTAL		
	Total	of which		Total	of which		Total	of which		Total	of which		Total	of which		Total	of which		Total	of which	
		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent		comp- leted	cur- rent
1966	7	5*	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	2
1967	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	2	2	
1969	25	16	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	28	18	10	
1970	46	14	32	5	1	4	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	12	6	6	66	22	44	
1971	113	49	64*	11	5	6	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	35	10	25	162	65	97	
1972	74	37	37	14	2	12	15	5	10	1	1	-	4	3	1	20	7	13	128	55	73
	268	122	146	30	8	22	21	7	14	1	1	-	4	3	1	71	26	45	395	167	228

* One of which is undergoing bankruptcy procedures.

D. SECTION IV: COURT OF JUSTICE

The Court of Justice has no carryovers of appropriations from the 1978 to the 1979 financial year which require the approval of Budgetary Authority.

E. SECTION V: COURT OF AUDITORS

Chapter 26: EXPENDITURE ON STUDIES, SURVEYS AND CONSULTATIONS

Article 260: Consultations, studies and surveys of limited scope

Sum to be carried forward: 60 000 EUA

This carryover is to cover the financing of two studies whose object is the quantitative assessment of the effect of investments made with Community aid.

Because of the delays inherent in the Court's start-up period, the long and difficult preparatory work, and the need to concentrate the studies on two regions with very different development features, it has not been possible to complete negotiations and sign the contracts before the end of the financial year.